

MRS. EUNICE BEECHER.

Her Death Recalls Many Very Interesting Memories.

Helped Her Husband in Their Early Days by Taking in Sewing and Keeping Boarders—Fit Companion for Genius.

Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher died March 8, the tenth anniversary of the death of her famous husband.

Eunice Beecher was born in 1812 in Sutton, Mass. She was the daughter of Dr. Bullard, a physician. Miss Bullard's marriage to Henry Ward Beecher was not lacking in the elements of romance. Mr. Beecher, though not ordained, had received a call to the pastorate of a church at Lawrenceburg, Ind., and he wrote to Miss Bullard, to whom he was affianced, suggesting that their marriage take place immediately after his ordination. After mailing this letter Mr. Beecher argued: "Why wait for the ordination? Why not have her present as my wife to witness it?"

With this idea uppermost in his mind, Mr. Beecher started post haste to Sutton, where he arrived on the evening of the day on which his letter was received. The young preacher succeeded in winning Miss Bullard's consent to an early marriage. All the preparations had to be completed in four days.

Few of their friends lived near enough to be present, and the ceremony was a home affair. Miss Bullard's sisters had been married in stormy weather, and she declared that the ceremony in which she was a contracting party must take place while the sun shone. The hour was set for three o'clock on August 3, 1837. Just before that time a violent storm arose with thunder and lightning. The parson was in waiting, the guests had assembled, and Mr. Beecher was impatient. The bride was firm, however, and the ceremony was postponed one hour. At four o'clock the sun appeared, and as the bride, leaning upon the arm of her husband-to-be, entered the parlor, a brilliant rainbow appeared on the horizon.

Immediately after the marriage Mr. and Mrs. Beecher started for Lawrenceburg. Their experiences and trials on the then western frontier have been re-



MRS. HENRY WARD BEECHER

ferred to in several interesting sketches by Mrs. Beecher after her husband removed to Brooklyn.

Of Mrs. Beecher's children four are living and four are dead. One of the living is Herbert Beecher, captain of a steamboat at Port Townsend, Wash.

For some years Mrs. Beecher has been in feeble health. In November, 1896, during the Thanksgiving season she sustained a bad fall, and about a month later she again fell and sustained injuries, which, with her advanced years, brought about complications from which she was unable to rally.

The death of her husband in March, 1867, put a period in the life of Mrs. Beecher. Social duties and burdens, which were naturally relinquished at that time, were never again resumed, and the weights of advancing years compelled her to give up a part of the various charitable undertakings which had made her life not less busy than that of the pastor of Plymouth church. However, she never ceased to take the keenest interest in work of this kind.

Mrs. Beecher was singularly fitted to be the wife of a man occupying the unique semi-public position of the great Brooklyn pulpit orator. She was sympathetic, helpful, of a warm, trusting and lovable disposition, and was endowed with superior mentality and keen literary instincts. Her wisely devoted devotion never faltered during the darkest epoch in her husband's life. She never for an instant doubted his innocence, and throughout the long controversy she supported him with her unflinching love. Mr. Beecher afterwards said that it was the brave and loyal demeanor of his wife which, more than anything else, strengthened him in that ordeal. She passed through this fire unscathed, losing none of her gentleness or serenity, which were her most striking characteristics. The lace cap over the smooth, snowy hair, the cheerful eyes and good-humored mouth will linger long in the memory of all those who had the good fortune ever to see her.

From 1872 to 1884 Mrs. Beecher was a regular contributor to various periodicals, chiefly on domestic subjects. Many of these have been published in book form, making three volumes. She also wrote a book entitled "Letters from Florida." Her book, "From Dawn to Daylight," so named by its publisher, contains reminiscences of her first years as a minister's wife. It was written with no thought of publication, to beguile the weary hours of a tedious sickness, and when she had been persuaded to place it in the hands of a publisher it was nameless. Only a small edition was printed. The work was well received, and friendly criticisms were numerous. It was rumored in 1884 that Mr. Beecher had suppressed it, but the rumor was unfounded.

Mrs. Beecher was educated in Worcester county, and at Hadley, Mass. She met Mr. Beecher at her own home at the age of 17, her brother having invited his classmate at Amherst college to spend a vacation at West Sutton. They were soon engaged, but seven years elapsed before the marriage in 1837.

THE TOWN BOARD.

Meeting of the Members to Pass on the Reports—Balance of \$7,037.06 in the Treasury.

The last meeting of the town board for Decatur township was held at the office of Town Clerk Nichols yesterday afternoon. Several reports were submitted. There was no levy last year for town purposes and there will be no levy for the present year.

The receipts of the town for the year just closed were \$10,382.30, but of that sum there was \$6,713.34 remaining in the treasury. The sources from the money was received was as follows: From A. S. Morgan, tax collector, \$1686.11, from A. S. Morgan, dog tax, \$227.36, from A. S. Morgan, 2 per cent, \$1728.69, from C. H. Patterson, county treasurer, \$937.01.

The total expenditures for the year were \$3245.22, which leaves the sum of \$7037.06 in the treasury. The following are a few of the big items of expense during the year:

S. T. Keeler, for making the annual township assessment, \$1345.

D. A. Maffit, commissioner of highways, \$324.50.

C. M. Caldwell, commissioner of highways, \$229.50.

H. Mahannah, commissioner of highways, \$346.50.

H. C. Wallace, services as town clerk, \$394.

John Nichols, services as town clerk, \$36.

Expense of holding the last town election, \$302.

The total bonded indebtedness of the township is shown to be \$31,000, of which amount there are \$8000 of funding bonds to take up the Decatur and Mattoon railroad bonds at 5 per cent. These bonds come due as follows: \$8000 on October 1, 1897; \$2000 due on October 1, 1898; \$3000 due on October 1, 1899.

The other bonds are refunding bonds issued to take up the bonds of the Decatur and Mattoon railroad at 5 per cent. There are five \$1000 bonds, the last one due July 1, 1900, eight \$2000 bonds, the last due on July 1, 1904, and one \$3000 bond due a year later.

Altogether it will be seen that the township affairs have been well managed. The bonds mature in such a way that they can be paid off without drawing heavily on the treasury at any time. The board approved the report as submitted.

FOURTH WARD DEMOCRATS

They Met and Nominated C. E. Lindsay for Alderman.

The gold and free silver Democrats of the Fourth Ward held a ward primary meeting last night at the council rooms with A. Spaeth as chairman and C. J. Hartley secretary. There were three gentlemen placed in nomination for alderman, John Harten, Frank Shlaudeman and Charles E. Lindsay of the Bulletin. Those in the push were Al Martin, Gus Ahrens, Arthur Hartley, Al Sine and Mr. Hinton. There were factional interests and the 63 votes were cast with careful discrimination. The Harten faction was quite confident of victory, while the friends of Shlaudeman were surprised and disgusted that he should be turned down.

The first ballot resulted: Harten 26, Lindsay 28, Shlaudeman 14. Mr. Shlaudeman was declared out of the race and on the second ballot Lindsay was nominated by this vote: Lindsay 30, Harten 34. A. Spaeth declined to serve longer as ward committeeman and C. J. Hartley was elected. John King was elected secretary.

Party at the Bott Home.

There was a very pleasant social gathering last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Bott, 970 West Wood street, given by Miss Gertrude Bott, who entertained the West End Euchre club and their friends. Fine refreshments were served and everybody had a jolly good time. In the guessing game Miss Wall won the first prize and Miss Allison the booby souvenir. There was dancing to close the evening's festivities and music by the Paderewski mandolin orchestra. The guests included Misses Ethel Starr, Beatie Wilson, Clara Allison, Irene and Margarette Bott, Miss Young, Zella McAllister, Jennie and Jessie McNelly, Maude Downing, Grace Johnson, Lucy Penhalligon, Mabel Howenstine, Mabel Moore, Ruby Armstrong, Helen and Rose Bachrach and Jessie Bott.

Will be Given This Month.

The opera, "Pinafore," will be given by some of the local musicians on April 29 at the opera house for the benefit of the Woman's Relief Corps. Those who are to take part have been in training under Professor Washburn for several months and the opera will be one of the best amateur performances which has ever been given in the city. Among those who will take the leading parts are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bunn, Miss Mae Harwood, George Dunston, C. N. Brown and Fred Mann.

Samuel Bishop, aged about 75, charged with stealing chickens, pleaded guilty in the county court at Danville last Wednesday and was fined \$10 and costs and sentenced to ten days confinement in the county jail.

Clinton Public: Probably no family in DeWitt county can trace its genealogy with such accuracy as that of Mrs. E. Kent. The family tree commences in 1236, and the lineage of the Clappertons goes on unbroken for hundreds of years.

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CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss. MACON COUNTY, ss.

Circuit Court of Macdon County, June Term, A. D. 1897.

WILLIAM C. H. KROGH, Receiver of the North & South Building and Loan Association vs. Webster H. Rapp, Elizabeth M. Rapp, Jeanette C. Blume, George F. Blume, George F. Blume and Webster H. Rapp, partners as Blume & Rapp, Lucinda Layte, the unknown husband of Lucinda Layte, The North & South Building & Loan Association.—In Chancery: No. 10660.

Notice is hereby given to the said defendants, Webster H. Rapp, Elizabeth M. Rapp, Jeanette C. Blume, George F. Blume, George F. Blume and Webster H. Rapp, partners as Blume & Rapp, Lucinda Layte, the unknown husband of Lucinda Layte, that the above named complainant heretofore filed his bill of complaint in said court, on the chancery side, thereof, and that a summons thereupon issued out of said court against the above named defendants returnable on the first day of the term of the circuit court of Macdon county, to be held at the court house in Decatur, Ill., said Macdon county, on the first Monday of June, A. D. 1897, as by law required, and which suit is still pending.

D. L. FOSTER, Clerk. Collins & Fletcher, Sol. for Complainant. March 9, 1897-44w

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LOCAL NEWS.

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Sparrow's fine chocolate for sale at the Opera House Drug store.

Next week the mission meetings at the Catholic church will be for women only.

The best blood purifier is Ray's Sarsaparilla—at West's drug store. 50c.—22-dtf

If you are troubled with catarrh, asthma or headache, use the German medicator, a perfect cure. mar 16dtf

The best spring tonic for that tired feeling is DeSoto's Celery Nerve Tonic at West's drug store. 75c.—22-dtf

Take the Vandalia fast train to Peoria, two hours and fifty minutes. Leaves at 11:42 a. m.

The Grand Opera House cigars made by Johnny Weigand are the best in town. moh 26-dtf

Little Diana cigar, 'business men's' ideal smoke; 6 for 10 cents; 100 for \$1.50. L. Chodet's News House.—14-dtf

Be kind to the chickens and give them Irwin's poultry powder.

Lent is not over and you can get anything in the fish line at Pearl Oyster & Fish Co. Tel. 844.—81-dtf

The funeral of Fred Depew will be held at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the family residence on North Edward street. The interment will be at Greenwood.

The license ticket nominated at Marcella: Mayor, Bruce Waller; clerk, Horace Keppler; attorney, B. F. Shipley; treasurer, Carl Schenck. The anti-license ticket will be named tonight.

Seed sweet potatoes, wholesale and retail, 223 North Main street. Durfee & Culp.

The society of local dentists will meet in the office of Dr. L. E. Conradt tonight. Drs. Childs, Rhoads and Eddy will read papers before the society. This is the first meeting of the organization where all the dentists in town have been invited to attend.

Golden Rod Lotion for chapped hands gives satisfaction. For sale at Opera House Drug store.

Buy your garden, flower and field seeds of Dan Culp, the old reliable seedman fresh stock and all varieties of garden seed in bulk. No. 323 North Main street. Durfee & Culp.—1-d&wt

Hon. Thomas N. Leavitt is again in the agricultural implement business at Marcella. He has purchased the plant and stock of implements lately owned by W. H. Parker which was sold some months ago by the Oglevee company to a Mr. Evans and then by Evans to Parker.

Buy your flower and garden seeds at W. H. Gullett & Son's flower store. They keep the best. Plant your sweet peas early. Do it now, no delay. Stiff clay soil is best for them. W. H. Gullett & Sons, Millikin Building.—20-dtf

At the union meeting of Good Templar lodges held last night in the Library block D. L. Bunn delivered an address. Miss Laura Chilton gave a reading and Miss Bertha Doty a recitation. At the meeting at Grace M. E. church next Tuesday night there will be good music and an address by Rev. Spayd.

Gentlemen, why wear shabby overcoats, pants, coat or vest when you can get your clothing re-dyed, cleaned and pressed and repaired to look equal to new by taking them to Miller's Dye House. Work warranted first-class. 145 North Main street.

No better soft coal in this market than Lincoln or Riverton. Lincoln is the hardest of any coal within 100 miles of Decatur and the harder the coal the longer it will burn. Hard coal all sizes, always in stock at market price. Up town office, Irwin's drug store, office and yard 800 North Broadway, old phone 438, new phone 436. M. F. Metz.—21-dtf

Mr. Shellabarger, who had been elected chairman of the Friday night caucus, came in the hall accompanied by Messrs. Jack, Patterson, Montgomery and Suffer. H. M. Bragg and A. G. Webber, who were already in the room, joined the committee and earnestly conferred with them. In a few moments Mr. Shellabarger called the meeting to order.

Mr. Shellabarger by way of explanation said that the committee appointed Thursday night had met and sub-committees and endeavored to get desirable candidates for presentation to the meeting. But they had not succeeded. The sub-committees had consulted two gentlemen. They had refused to accept the nomination for mayor. The meeting would have to act.

Dr. Randall asked if the chairman of the meeting was the chairman of the committee, and Mr. Shellabarger answered in the affirmative. At this juncture S. S. Jack and A. G. Webber approached the stand and conferred with the chairman, who in a few moments stated that for the encouragement of the meeting he would state that the committee would confer together again about selecting candidates.

Mr. Shellabarger asked for a free expression as to what should be done. For himself he said he was heartily in favor of an independent ticket, because he believed the best results in city affairs could be attained by non-partisan action. In local affairs we should vote for good men. He said he could have headed the ticket if he would have accepted but he had refused. He was young yet, he said. He might conclude to run for alderman in the Third ward when Colonel Keefe gets through with it and then he would be ready for the mayoralty. He regretted that the non-partisan movement had not started months ago. The time is so short. It is now hard to get any good man to take the nomination for mayor.

While Mr. Shellabarger was speaking Messrs. Jack, Webber and Montgomery and Patterson were in close conference at the east side of the room in full view of the audience.

There were calls for Webber to speak and he broke away from the conference to come to the front. In a pointed manner Mr. Webber declared himself heartily in favor of the independent movement under way to get good men for city offices. He thought the presence of so large a number of citizens was a protest to the ticket already nominated. He said the committee had failed to get anybody to consent to head the ticket. He offered a motion and put it himself that the meeting decide to nominate a reform city

ticket. The motion was adopted. Then Mr. Webber said that he had in mind a gentleman who was a comparative stranger in Decatur, but a good man who would make a good mayor and after a moment's hesitation he was about to name his favorite (supposed to be Dr. J. W. Sanders, a Democrat) when he was interrupted by Mr. Jack, who called him aside. The two gentlemen conferred a moment or two, when Mr. Webber in resuming his speech said he had been informed by the committee that the gentleman he was about to name had refused to be a candidate. He asked further time for the committee. It was granted. The committee then left the hall.

Judge Nelson was called out. He made one of the best off-hand talks of his career as a stump speaker, not sparing himself in telling the truth. He said that in federal affairs he was a Democrat but in city or township elections he always voted for the best man. He would vote for any ticket the meeting might nominate.

There were calls for John A. Dawson, J. T. Whitley, Rev. W. F. Gilmore, Rev. A. W. Hawkins and Rev. W. C. Miller, but none responded at that time because Mr. Jack came into the room to confer with the chairman. Mr. Gilmore, who declined to speak.

Mr. Hawkins came forward and talked for a few minutes. He declared that he heartily endorsed all that Judge Nelson had said and then told how the Democrats at Logansport, Ind., where they had a majority of 400 to 500 and had controlled city affairs for many years, had been de-throned by the good citizens banding together in an independent movement. Mr. Hawkins said he wanted a clean administration with all the bad places closed.

There were renewed calls for Gilmore, who without coming forward said he was a tenderfoot in Decatur and was unacquainted with city affairs. He didn't know a man on the ticket that had been nominated but he would say that he was opposed to it.

Then there were calls for Jack Thayer, Mr. Mueller and Rev. G. F. Hall. Mr. Hall responded and said he had concluded to take a hand in city politics to do what he could to give the city clean streets and clean government.

The Ticket.

The committee returned to the hall just as Mr. Hall ceased speaking and Mr. Jack submitted the following ticket for endorsement:

For Mayor—D. S. Shellabarger.

For City Clerk—M. C. Irish.

For City Attorney—James T. Whitley.

For City Treasurer—Mont Peniwell.

Mr. Jack offered a motion that Mr. Shellabarger be declared the nominee for mayor. Before putting the motion the chairman stated that his father during the afternoon had declined to be considered as a candidate. He did not know how he felt about it now. He could not promise what he would do in the morning. The motion to nominate Mr. Shellabarger was then adopted.

Alex Montgomery named Mr. Irish for clerk, and Mr. Whitley for attorney and both were nominated.

On motion of Mr. Suffer the meeting endorsed Mr. Peniwell for treasurer.

The committee was authorized to fill any vacancy on the ticket if for any cause any nominee should fail to make the race.

Arrangements were made for petitions and for notifying the nominees. The meeting then adjourned.

WILL GO TO INDIA.

Rev. R. G. Hobbs and Wife will Distribute Corn Among the Sufferers of Asia.

Rev. R. G. Hobbs has been granted a three months' leave of absence by Centenary church in Jacksonville. He and his wife will go to India to distribute a ship load of corn among the starving thousands in that country. A wealthy New York man pays all their expenses.

Officers Elected.

At the meeting of Canton Decatur, Patriarchs Militant, held on Thursday night the following officers were elected.

Captain—R. H. Schroeder.

Lieutenant—Will H. Peters.

Ensign—R. R. Ballinger.

Accountant—John A. Keck.

Clerk—Charles M. Borchers.

Standard Bearer—L. N. Cope.

The Canton is making arrangements to hold a reception for the lady friends of its members which will probably be on April 21. The exact date has not yet been decided on but it will be near that time.

Revival at the Tabernacle.

The revival meetings which Rev. George F. Hall has been conducting at the tabernacle for the past week, have been attended with much success. There has already been ten additions to the church. The meetings will continue until the first of May. Mr. Hall holds services every evening in the week excepting Friday and Saturday. A general invitation is extended to the public.

Postponed.

The Decatur district lyceum of the M. E. church announced to be held in March on April 19-20 has been postponed until April 26-27 on account of the township elections which occur on the earlier date.

Cow Sale Postponed.

Owing to the great storm April 1 the cow sale of the Luts Bros. has been postponed to Monday, April 12. Note the date.—2-dtd.

The state association of barbers will hold its first annual meeting at Peoria on the first Monday in August.

PUT UP A TICKET.

The Opposition—Democrats and Reformers—Take Action.

RESULT OF THE CITY MASS MEETING

Difficulty in Getting a Candidate for Mayor—Those Who Did Committee Work and Made Speeches.

The mass meeting of so-called non-partisan citizens, held at Abbott's hall last night, attracted a good deal of interest. It had been given out that a committee appointed to do so would suggest candidates for city offices to give Decatur a clean, business-like administration for the endorsement of the mass meeting, but owing to the shyness of the gentlemen sought to accept the nomination for mayor, action was delayed for nearly two hours. In the meantime the hall was filled by parties in sympathy with the movement and by many who came out of curiosity. There was no question about the sincerity of W. L. Shellabarger, Judge Nelson, A. G. Webber, H. M. Bragg, S. S. Jack, David Patterson, Alex Montgomery, Dr. Randall, Rev. Geo. F. Hall, W. H. Suffer and Rev. A. W. Hawkins. They were all seen and heard and kept up the interest. In the crowd were a large percentage of Democrats, the Republicans being in the minority. Speculating on what the meeting would do before it was called to order, a Democrat wagered a cigar with the Republican reporter that the nominee for mayor would be either Dr. Sanders or Robert I. Hunt. A Republican said the nominee would be D. S. Shellabarger or John R. Miller. The Democrat ridiculed the prediction.

The audience became impatient for the meeting to begin but nothing could be done until the committee arrived. The conference committee included W. L. Shellabarger, Dr. Watson, William Voorhies, L. P. Graham, David Patterson, John Ulrich, W. H. Starr, Milton Johnson, W. H. Suffer, A. R. Montgomery, S. S. Jack, C. H. Deetz and T. W. Cann. The gentlemen held meetings during the afternoon and sub-committees had waited upon D. S. Shellabarger, W. H. Starr, W. L. Shellabarger, W. J. Wayne, John Ulrich and others to get their consent to run for mayor, but all refused. It was common rumor that Dr. J. W. Sanders, a Democrat, would be the nominee. He had friends on the committee but it seems that he was not considered available.

Called to Order.

W. L. Shellabarger, who had been elected chairman of the Friday night caucus, came in the hall accompanied by Messrs. Jack, Patterson, Montgomery and Suffer. H. M. Bragg and A. G. Webber, who were already in the room, joined the committee and earnestly conferred with them. In a few moments Mr. Shellabarger called the meeting to order.

Mr. Shellabarger by way of explanation said that the committee appointed Thursday night had met and sub-committees and endeavored to get desirable candidates for presentation to the meeting. But they had not succeeded. The sub-committees had consulted two gentlemen. They had refused to accept the nomination for mayor. The meeting would have to act.

Dr. Randall asked if the chairman of the meeting was the chairman of the committee, and Mr. Shellabarger answered in the affirmative. At this juncture S. S. Jack and A. G. Webber approached the stand and conferred with the chairman, who in a few moments stated that for the encouragement of the meeting he would state that the committee would confer together again about selecting candidates.

Mr. Shellabarger asked for a free expression as to what should be done. For himself he said he was heartily in favor of an independent ticket, because he believed the best results in city affairs could be attained by non-partisan action. In local affairs we should vote for good men. He said he could have headed the ticket if he would have accepted but he had refused. He was young yet, he said. He might conclude to run for alderman in the Third ward when Colonel Keefe gets through with it and then he would be ready for the mayoralty. He regretted that the non-partisan movement had not started months ago. The time is so short. It is now hard to get any good man to take the nomination for mayor.

While Mr. Shellabarger was speaking Messrs. Jack, Webber and Montgomery and Patterson were in close conference at the east side of the room in full view of the audience.

There were calls for Webber to speak and he broke away from the conference to come to the front. In a pointed manner Mr. Webber declared himself heartily in favor of the independent movement under way to get good men for city offices. He thought the presence of so large a number of citizens was a protest to the ticket already nominated. He said the committee had failed to get anybody to consent to head the ticket. He offered a motion and put it himself that the meeting decide to nominate a reform city

ticket. The motion was adopted. Then Mr. Webber said that he had in mind a gentleman who was a comparative stranger in Decatur, but a good man who would make a good mayor and after a moment's hesitation he was about to name his favorite (supposed to be Dr. J. W. Sanders, a Democrat) when he was interrupted by Mr. Jack, who called him aside. The two gentlemen conferred a moment or two, when Mr. Webber in resuming his speech said he had been informed by the committee that the gentleman he was about to name had refused to be a candidate. He asked further time for the committee. It was granted. The committee then left the hall.

Judge Nelson was called out. He made one of the best off-hand talks of his career as a stump speaker, not sparing himself in telling the truth. He said that in federal affairs he was a Democrat but in city or township elections he always voted for the best man. He would vote for any ticket the meeting might nominate.

There were calls for John A. Dawson, J. T. Whitley, Rev. W. F. Gilmore, Rev. A. W. Hawkins and Rev. W. C. Miller, but none responded at that time because Mr. Jack came into the room to confer with the chairman. Mr. Gilmore, who declined to speak.

Mr. Hawkins came forward and talked for a few minutes. He declared that he heartily endorsed all that Judge Nelson had said and then told how the Democrats at Logansport, Ind., where they had a majority of 400 to 500 and had controlled city affairs for many years, had been de-throned by the good citizens banding together in an independent movement. Mr. Hawkins said he wanted a clean administration with all the bad places closed.

There were renewed calls for Gilmore, who without coming forward said he was a tenderfoot in Decatur and was unacquainted with city affairs. He didn't know a man on the ticket that had been nominated but he would say that he was opposed to it.

Then there were calls for Jack Thayer, Mr. Mueller and Rev. G. F. Hall. Mr. Hall responded and said he had concluded to take a hand in city politics to do what he could to give the city clean streets and clean government.

The Ticket.

The committee returned to the hall just as Mr. Hall ceased speaking and Mr. Jack submitted the following ticket for endorsement:

For Mayor—D. S. Shellabarger.

For City Clerk—M. C. Irish.

For City Attorney—James T. Whitley.

For City Treasurer—Mont Peniwell.

Mr. Jack offered a motion that Mr. Shellabarger be declared the nominee for mayor. Before putting the motion the chairman stated that his father during the afternoon had declined to be considered as a candidate. He did not know how he felt about it now. He could not promise what he would do in the morning. The motion to nominate Mr. Shellabarger was then adopted.

Alex Montgomery named Mr. Irish for clerk, and Mr. Whitley for attorney and both were nominated.

On motion of Mr. Suffer the meeting endorsed Mr. Peniwell for treasurer.

The committee was authorized to fill any vacancy on the ticket if for any cause any nominee should fail to make the race.

Arrangements were made for petitions and for notifying the nominees. The meeting then adjourned.

WILL GO TO INDIA.

Rev. R. G. Hobbs and Wife will Distribute Corn Among the Sufferers of Asia.

Rev. R. G. Hobbs has been granted a three months' leave of absence by Centenary church in Jacksonville. He and his wife will go to India to distribute a ship load of corn among the starving thousands in that country. A wealthy New York man pays all their expenses.

Officers Elected.

At the meeting of Canton Decatur, Patriarchs Militant, held on Thursday night the following officers were elected.

Captain—R. H. Schroeder.

Lieutenant—Will H. Peters.

Ensign—R. R. Ballinger.

Accountant—John A. Keck.

Clerk—Charles M. Borchers.

Standard Bearer—L. N. Cope.

The Canton is making arrangements to hold a reception for the lady friends of its members which will probably be on April 21. The exact date has not yet been decided on but it will be near that time.

Revival at the Tabernacle.

The revival meetings which Rev. George F. Hall has been conducting at the tabernacle for the past week, have been attended with much success. There has already been ten additions to the church. The meetings will continue until the first of May. Mr. Hall holds services every evening in the week excepting Friday and Saturday. A general invitation is extended to the public.

Postponed.

The Decatur district lyceum of the M. E. church announced to be held in March on April 19-20 has been postponed until April 26-27 on account of the township elections which occur on the earlier date.

Cow Sale Postponed.

Owing to the great storm April 1 the cow sale of the Luts Bros. has been postponed to Monday, April 12. Note the date.—2-dtd.

The state association of barbers will hold its first annual meeting at Peoria on the first Monday in August.

PREDICTIONS OF THE WEATHER. Prophet Hicks Lays Himself Out in a Series of Predictions Covering the Month of April. Hicks, the St. Louis man, has given orders as to the nature of the weather which this section of the country shall experience the present month, and it is now the duty of the weather man to set about his work and fill the order. He says that from today till Sunday a warm wave may be looked for with numerous storms attended by hail and thunder. From the 8th to the 10th, he says there will be a marked return to warmer, ending in more storms of rain, hail and thunder. He expects many violent storms between April 13 and 15. Even if tornadoes should develop they can strike only a limited number of places. "Following this period," he says, "look for high westerly gales and cold, blustering temperatures, with snow and frost in many sections northward. From April 20 to 25 falls a reactionary period of change and storm accompanied by heavy April showers and hail in many places."

HAS CHARGE OF A TRAIN. Charles Hamsher, a Decatur Boy, Conductor on the Alton Road.

The friends and acquaintances of Charles D. Hamsher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Hamsher of this city, will be gratified to learn that he is climbing the promotion ladder rapidly in the train service of the Chicago & Alton railroad company. Eleven months ago Charley began work for the Alton as a brakeman. Now after undergoing an exacting examination with a number of competitors in the list Charley has been made conductor of the local freight train running between Alton and Springfield at an increased salary with promise of future promotion for efficiency and faithfulness. Some years ago Charley was in the employ of the Wabash and for a time he was with the Illinois Central.

Accredited Schools of the University. The University of Illinois, recognizing the fact that a state university should furnish opportunities for higher education to as many as possible of the youth of the state has recently made a change in its system of accrediting schools whereby it is hoped to bring all the high schools of the state into closer relation with the university. Heretofore only schools of a certain rank have been accredited. The new ruling provides that any school may give credit for any subjects included in the requirements for admission to the University, provided the work in those subjects be sufficiently well done. This permits the high schools not capable of doing all the required work to be accredited for part of the entrance requirements and admits the graduates of such schools without examination on the work for which the schools are accredited, giving them the opportunity of making up the remaining requirements in the preparatory school of the university.

Supreme Executive Committee. The committee appointed by the Illinois Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows for the entertainment of the Sovereign Grand Lodge which meets at Springfield in September held a meeting Friday and organized by electing J. O. Humphrey chairman, J. R. Miller secretary, and F. W. Tracy treasurer. These officers with T. C. Roseberry of Springfield, C. J. Lindley of Greenville, and C. M. Lytle of Decatur, constitute the executive committee and have power to appoint their committees. Headquarters will be maintained at the new Odd Fellows building. A circular letter is soon to be sent out to all members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge announcing the program of entertainment for the week of the meeting.

Deafness Cannot be Cured by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and the tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

A Card Party. Last evening a number of young people were entertained at a card party given at the home of C. H. Deetz on North Water street.

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159 EAST MAIN ST. GEO. W. JONES CLOTHING HOUSE for Spring Overcoats.

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\$6.50 Spring Overcoat, \$4.00. \$10.00 Spring Overcoat, \$6.50
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SUNDAY SERVICES.

GRACE M. E. CHURCH.
W. F. Gilmore, D. D., pastor. Class meeting
at 9:30 a. m. Sunday school at 2 p. m.
Praying 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by
pastor. Morning: "I shall now perish one day
by the hand of Saul." Evening: "This is all my
desire, although he will kill me."
COMMUNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Rev. A. W. Hawkins pastor. Services in W.
O. T. U. hall. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.
Praying at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morn-
ing theme, "The Christian's Struggle." Even-
ing theme, "The Great Emancipator." En-
deavor service at 6:30 p. m.

FIRST M. E. CHURCH.
Rev. D. F. Howe pastor. Class meeting at 9
a. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Praying
at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning theme,
"Hither-Sweet." Evening theme, "Half Hinges."
Endeavor service at 6:30 p. m. A cordial in-
vitation is extended to the general public and to
all not worshipping elsewhere.

SARAKANT'S CHAPEL.
Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Class meeting at
10:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening.
CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.
Lesson-Action from the Bible, and "Science
and Health, with Key to the Scriptures," by
Rev. Mary Baker Eddy, at 10:30 a. m. Subject,
"The Lord's Last Supper." Friday evening tes-
timonial meeting at 7:45. Review Building.

ALL ANGLES CHURCH.
East Eldorado street. W. Bedford-Jones rec-
tor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. There will be
two celebrations of the Holy Communion: at
10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Full choral ser-
vice in the evening at 7:30. Sermon in the morn-
ing, "The Dangers of the Holy Communion."
In the evening, "The Sacrifice of the Cross."

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
W. H. Pennington, pastor. Sunday
School at 9:30 a. m. A. H. Mills, supt. Services
at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Christian Endeavor
at 6:30 p. m.
Strangers and others not worshipping else-
where are cordially invited.

COLLEGE STREET CHAPEL.
Sunday school at 1:15 p. m. W. D. Wells, Supt.
WEDNESDAY CHURCH.
Corner of Macon street and Haworth avenue.
Sunday school at 2:15 p. m. P. P. Laughlin,
Supt.

GERMAN M. E. CHURCH.
Corner of North Jackson and East North
streets. J. C. Rapp, pastor. Class meeting at
9:30 a. m. Praying at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30
p. m. Morning subject, "Our Hunger." Even-
ing subject, "The Church in Sardis." Sunday
school at 2:15 p. m. Epworth League meeting
at 7:15 p. m.

CHRISTIAN TABERNACLE.
Church street, between Eldorado and North.
Rev. Geo. F. Hall, pastor. Prof. M. S. Galvin,
Musical Director. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.;
C. W. Lewman, Supt. Communion 10:45
followed by a sermon on "Traveling Zionward."
Junior Endeavor at 3 p. m. Senior Endeavor at
5:30 p. m. Evening service at 7:45 p. m. Subject,
"Testimony of Great Men Regarding the Bible."
Special music both morning and evening by the
choir of 100 voices. Revival services throughout
the week.
Riverside Mission School at 2:30 p. m.

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH.
On Spring Avenue. Rev. J. T. Pearson, pas-
tor in charge. Praying at 11 a. m. and 7:30
p. m. Morning subject, "The Jewels of Christ."
Evening, "The Pearl of Great Price." Sunday
School at 9:30 a. m. T. P. S. C. E. at 7:30 p. m.
All are cordially invited.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
Corner North Water and East North streets.
Rev. D. M. Macgregor, pastor; residence, 410 N.
College street. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.
Morning service at 10:45. Subject, "A Real
Life." The Frontiers in the evening will be
"The Mississippi Floods." The pastor will also
deliver an address on "Man Time." The series
first in a series of addresses on the general sub-
ject, "The Young Men of To-Morrow." There
will be several baptisms at the close of the ev-
ening service. Men are specially in-
vited. Intermediate Endeavor Sunday evening
at 8:30. Senior C. E. Monday evening at 7:30.
SERVICES AT EAST PARK CHAPEL.
Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. J. Edward Saxton,
superintendent.
These in the vicinity of the Chapel are cor-
dially invited.

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH.
Corner of North Main and William streets.
Rev. Frank C. Oberly, pastor. Sunday School at
9:15 a. m. Dr. N. D. Myers, Supt. Praying at
10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor.
Morning subject, "Our Experiences." Even-
ing, "The Kingdom and Chil-
dren." A cordial welcome extended to all
to worship with the congregation.

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHAPEL.
Corner Lealand Ave. and Charles St. Sunday
school at 2:30 p. m.

SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
Rev. Frank N. Alkin, rector. Sunday school
at 9:30 a. m. Library. Holy Communion and ser-
mon at 10:30 a. m. Evensong and sermon at
7:30 p. m.

CHURCH OF GOD.
Corner of North Water and Cerro Gordo
streets. J. Bernard, pastor. Praying at 10:30
a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning theme, "Spring-
time Reflections." Evening, Communion ser-
vice, 3 p. m. monthly experience meeting.
Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. W. L. Huff, supt.
T. P. S. C. E. at 7:30 p. m.

UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST CHURCH.
The Centenary U. B. church, corner of N.
Broadway and Eldorado streets, M. B. Spayd,
pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. T. G.
Kuhnt, Supt. Praying at 11 a. m. and 7:30
p. m. Morning subject, "Mutual Considera-
tion."

GOOD WAY MISSION.
Corner Bradford and Main streets. Praying
by Rev. Henry Lunn at 3:15 p. m. All are
welcome.

EDWARD STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH.
Corner West William and Edward streets.
Rev. Martin Stevenson, pastor. Sunday School
at 2:30 p. m. E. March, Supt. Praying at
10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor.
Morning subject, "Making the Cross of Christ
Victory." Evening—"God's Foolishness." T. P. S. C. E.
at 6:15 p. m. Full attendance of the members of the
church is desired. Those not worshipping else-
where are cordially invited. All seats free.
Lealand Avenue Sunday School at 9:15 a. m.

ST. PETER'S CHAPEL, A. M. E. CHURCH.
Sunday school at 9:30. Rev. Wm. Price, supt.
Praying at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the
pastor. Morning subject, "Patience." Evening,
"Jacob's Dying Confession." Rev. P. C.
Cooper, Pastor.

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The Best Salve in the world for Cuts
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Cornelius Sullivan one of the first set-
tlers of Aroola died on the 31st. He was
aged 70 years and was the father of seven
children.

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sol reports One Minute Cough Cure the
greatest success of medical science. He
told us that it cured his whole family of
terrible coughs and colds, after all
other so-called cures had failed entirely.
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One Minute Cough Cure makes expec-
toration very easy and rapid. A. J. St-
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man of Springfield has opened a hotel to
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Fellows building.

A torpid liver means a bad complex-
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quent headaches. To avoid such com-
plaints take DeWitt's Little Early
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Thirty-seven hogs brought \$1250.

All the different forms of skin
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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce FRANK
SEACREMAN as a candidate for Alderman in
the Fourth ward at the approaching city elec-
tion.

SOCIETY MEETINGS.

BATHON SISTERS—Special meeting of
R. Myrtle Temple No. 4, Bathone Sisters,
Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in new K. of P.
hall, Forens Building. Business of impor-
tance. All members kindly requested to be
present. BONNIE PATTERSON, M. E. C.

PROTECTING SEABIRDS' EGGS.

Authorities Stop Robbery of Gulle-
mots on the Farrallones.

At the solicitation of the committee
on bird protection of the American Or-
nithologists' union, of which Prof. Lev-
erett M. Loomis, of the California Acad-
emy of Sciences is a member, the gov-
ernment officials have set the seal of
their displeasure on the importing of
sea birds' eggs from the Farrallones.
The lighthouse board at Washington,
which has the affairs of the Farrallones
in charge as a sort of United States
government preserve, has issued a de-
cree that the traffic in the eggs of the
sea birds must cease.

The mandate of the lighthouse board
will bring to a close a unique industry
of this city. The eggs of the murre, or
foolish guillemot, have been shipped to
the markets of the city in great quan-
ties ever since 1849, at which date they
were almost the only fresh eggs to be
had, bringing over one dollar a dozen.
The birds were present in the breeding
season, from May until August, on the
islands in such countless thousands
that, although persistently robbed,
their numbers seemed to show no ap-
preciable diminution. In recent years,
however, naturalists have noticed the
effect of the annual persecution of the
vast colonies and feared that they might
become extinct. As a result of the in-
vestigation the prohibitive measure has
been enacted.

As high as 20,000 dozen of the eggs
were annually brought to market by
the Greeks and Italian fishermen. They
are twice the size of an ordinary hen's
egg, for which they are said to be an
excellent substitute, and they sold at
retail from 15 to 25 cents per dozen.
During the last four or five seasons
the Greeks have been driven off, and the
egg industry has been carried on by the
lighthouse keepers on the Farrallones.
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Foley's Honey and Tar gives quick
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The fifteenth annual meeting of the
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Correct Styles in
Spring and
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A cordial invitation
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March 29, 1897.

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Skirt to order at one day's notice. We have any kind of
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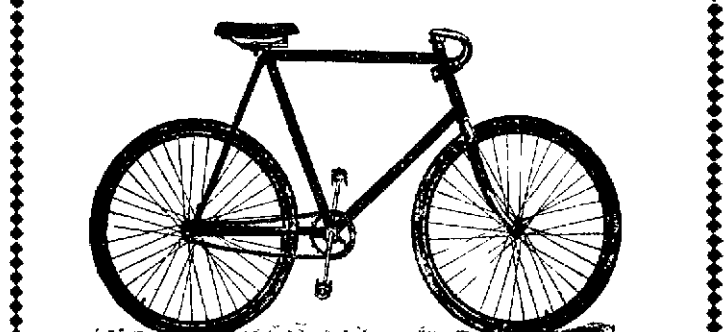
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Capes and Jackets of all kinds made to order and Fur Capes
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Bread Dyspepsia

It Steals upon its Victim Like a Thief in the Night and its Grip is Vice-Like and Deadly.

Causes Many Untold Sufferings—A Lansing, Michigan, Young Lady Speaks of Her Experience—It is a Case of more than Ordinary Interest.

From the Journal, Lansing, Mich.

There are few things which make life more miserable and more to be dreaded than dyspepsia. But what percentage of this hurrying, restless, anxious people is not affected more or less with disorders of the stomach, and how many are there who are successful in seeking permanent relief? It is purely problematical. Indeed, it is doubtful if the majority of the victims of dyspepsia are aware of the true nature of their illness until it has developed into a chronic state, and many even die in ignorance of what actually caused their death.

Dyspepsia is a dread destroyer before which the strongest iron constitution is broken down and, unless prompt and vigorous steps to combat the destroyer are taken, the victim suffers a torturing illness unto death. The stomach is a delicate organ and is very easily abused. No one is free from the danger of acquiring a stomach disorder more or less severe. An unconscious overloading at a meal, partaking of food indigestibly, too much exercise immediately before or after a meal, midnight suppers, hasty and improper mastication, over indulgence in spirituous beverages, loss of sleep and excesses in general are the causes of most cases of dyspepsia. But how and when is the victim to know that he is about to fall into the grasp of dyspepsia? There are many warnings, but alas, how frequently it happens that no heed is taken until it is almost too late.

One of the first indications that all is not right with the stomach is when a slight drowsiness is felt after partaking of a meal, especially a dinner. There is a desire to lie down and rest a few moments to close the eyes in a few moments of slumber. The victim at first gives no attention to this feeling but goes about his duties as usual. Gradually, however, this sense of weariness becomes more powerful as nothing is done to assist the stomach—and he sooner or later takes to his couch after a meal. This inaugurates the "after dinner nap." At first this nap is somewhat refreshing, but as the stomach becomes weaker and weaker drowsiness and weariness increase and the victim feels less and less relief from his "siesta." He begins to eat sparingly, and many foods he once relished are now unpalatable. He eats very little at breakfast, a little more at dinner, and generally attempts to make up for lost time at the evening repast, a very injurious and often disastrous procedure. About this time also, the average victim becomes somewhat nervous over his loss of appetite and makes a nervous haste to obtain relief. As is usually the case, he doesn't know exactly what ails him, and in nine cases out of ten he puzzles the family physician and other doctors to whom he applies for relief.

This was exactly the case of Miss May E. Wood, a well known and popular young lady, whose home is at 221 Washington Avenue, North Lansing, Mich. Her case is decidedly interesting and her recovery is nothing short of marvelous.

"When my stomach first began to trouble me," said Miss Wood to a Journal reporter, "I did not feel one bit alarmed, thinking it was only a temporary ailment and that it would soon wear away. But it didn't. It kept right on growing and worse. At first I couldn't eat as much as I was accustomed to and later I would feel a very tired, dragging down sensation after partaking of a meal. My condition would not grow better. Odors from cooking food made me deadly sick. It got so that the very sight of some edibles which formerly were very agreeable to me made me feel miserable. In fact the least thing was sufficient to turn my stomach, and I began to feel much alarmed. I consulted one of the best doctors in Lansing, but he couldn't do anything for me. I grew worse right along, and was

so weak that I had to take to my bed. I gave up the Lansing doctor and secured the services of one of the leading physicians of Detroit. He came here to secure a number of times, and was confident he could make me well. But he didn't. I continued sinking every day, and my strength was getting less and less. I weighed 115 pounds when I took to my bed and in a few weeks I had lost thirteen pounds. To say I was finally thoroughly alarmed is putting it mildly. My doctors' bills were getting larger and larger and I was getting no better. Finally the doctors couldn't do anything more for me and I thought my time had come and that I must die. I was in despair, and felt indescribably wretched.

During my illness I did considerable reading and I chanced to see articles relating to the wonderful cures effected by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People in the Lansing Journal. I purchased a box and took the pills according to directions, and the result surprised me beyond expression. Before one half of the box was gone I felt a bit better. It really seemed to me as if I was on the road to recovery after taking the first dose.

"After having taken three boxes I really felt like my former self again, and was able to get up and move about the house. I kept right on taking the pills, and after the sixth box was gone I felt as well and strong as ever. I could eat again, and eat heartily. My appetite has been excellent ever since, and I have had no occasion to take any medicine since I used the pills.

"I now feel like a different person. I more than regained the thirteen pounds I lost, and it seems as if I could stand more fatigue than ever before. While I don't expect to get sick again right away, or have any more stomach disorders, I wouldn't rest easy if I knew there weren't any of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in the house. They are indeed a comfort, and I wouldn't be without them under any circumstances.

"I feel so grateful and happy over the good results I obtained from the pills that I wish everybody to know it is a reliable remedy. Miss Abbie Fuller, a friend of mine, was sorely troubled with severe headaches, and was made very sick at times. I recommended the pills to her and told her how much they had helped me. She took a few boxes and is now as well as ever, and she thinks as much of Dr. Williams' Pills as I do.

"Miss Elsie Bryan, who you will remember met a terrible death in a runaway accident in Eaton Rapids recently, was a friend of mine. She was troubled with her stomach nearly as badly as I was, and after taking the Pink Pills upon my recommendation she thoroughly recovered her health, and praised the remedy very highly. There are others to whom I have recommended the pills and in every instance they have always been greatly benefited by them."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are not looked upon as a patent medicine, but rather as a prescription. An analysis of their properties shows that they contain, in a condensed form, all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. They are an unfailing specific for such diseases as locomotor ataxia, partial paralysis, St. Vitus' dance, sciatica, neuralgia, rheumatism, nervous headache, the after effects of grippe, palpitation of the heart, pale and sallow complexion, and the tired feeling resulting from nervous prostration, all diseases resulting from vitiated humors in the blood, such as scrofula, chronic erysipelas, etc. They are also a specific for troubles peculiar to females, such as suppressions, irregularities and all forms of weakness. They build up the blood, and restore the glow of health to pale and sallow cheeks. They are for sale by all druggists, or may be had by mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y., for 50c. per box, or six boxes for \$2.50.

A MATRIMONIAL PROBLEM.

Can a Woman Love Her Second Husband as Well as Her First?

"Do you believe," said an acquaintance to me the other day, "that a woman can love deeply, tenderly and truly, two men?"

"At the same time?" Inquired, sternly, says a correspondent.

"What I really mean is," continued the speaker, "do you think a woman who has lost a dearly loved husband can love another sincerely while still truly mourning the loss of the first?"

"It is a little complicated," said I, "but love is very complex. So far as affairs of the heart are concerned no arbitrary rule can be established. Laws for the heart must needs be elastic, since the affections themselves are of that character. I can suppose a woman or a man loving as deeply a second mate as a first."

"I know they can," interrupted my interrogator. "I will answer my own question. My first husband was one of the best and noblest men who ever lived. I loved him from the time I knew him until he died. I loved him and mourned him when I married my present husband, to whom I am as tenderly attached. We had been much thrown together during the five years of my widowhood. I loved my present husband enough to marry him, and yet I love my first husband, too, and both for exactly the same reasons—that they represent and represented all that is best and truest in man. I do not think the feelings of those who remarry are understood. I suffer dreadfully when people make what they consider playful allusions to the departed. They cut me cruelly as though they attempted piousness on the death of one of my children, because I try to console myself with those heaven has sent me since. In a word, I love both of my husbands, and I can well imagine that others feel the same."

"But with a different sort of love," I began.

"No," broke in the lady, "that is just the distinction I cannot make, for my feeling is just the same. They are separate personalities—that is perfectly clear to me—but my affection for both has been and is of the same quantity and quality. I simply loved and love them both. Time and circumstances have softened my grief, but I still have heartrending moments on anniversaries or holidays."—N. Y. Herald.

INAUGURATING A PRESIDENT.

The Formal Ceremonies of the Occasion.

According to law congress must come to an end at noon; but if the presidential party has not made its appearance when the senate clock is about to point to 12, the hands are moved back a few minutes so as to gain time. And before the hands are allowed to get around to 12, everybody has arrived, everything is in readiness, and the president of the senate has administered the oath of office to his successor, the new vice president of the United States, who at once calls an extra session of the senate, so that not a moment elapses between the death of one session and the birth of another. Then, after a short prayer by the chaplain and a brief address by the vice president, the distinguished people gathered in the senate chamber in line, and headed by a company of newspaper reporters, they march in dignified procession to the rotunda, and thence to the platform on the east front of the capitol.

The nine justices of the supreme court, clothed in their black robes, walk out on the platform first, followed by the president-elect. As soon as the crowd catches sight of him, a deafening shout breaks forth from 50,000 throats, and amid the enthusiastic uproar that lasts several minutes, hats and canes, umbrellas and handkerchiefs, are waved aloft or thrown wildly into the air by joyous and patriotic Americans. Removing his hat, the president-elect comes forward, and, turning to the chief justice of the United States, takes the oath of office as required by the constitution. Then comes the inaugural address, which, of course, only those near the platform are able to hear. But the 20,000 or 40,000 who can't hear the speech are willing to agree with everything that is said, and every little while they shout and cheer and applaud.—Clifford Howard, in St. Nicholas.

Deaths from Lightning.

An abstract from some statistics compiled in France on lightning accidents shows that during the past 67 years for every one person killed three or four are wounded. In the month of March the average deaths amount to 1 per cent; in April, 3; in May, 7; in June and on to September, 20, 20, 21 and 13, respectively; in October, 12. Most of the cases occur in fields and roads, but particularly under trees. In a period of 30 years 1,700 persons were killed under trees who probably would not have been injured if they had not taken refuge there; and one out of every four has been killed while sheltering under branches. In France there have been eight deaths per 100,000 inhabitants, and in Great Britain two.—St. Louis Republic.

The Reason.

"I know," said Little Johnny, sidling up to the preacher, "why the wicked folks is the only ones what gets punished in the next world."

"Indeed!" exclaimed the good man. "I am glad to hear that you know this. And will you tell me why it is?"

"Cause," replied little Johnny, "the good people always get it in the neck here."—Cleveland Leader.

His First Trip.

Uriah Upstart—How much is a ticket to Chicago?

Ticket Agent—First-class, \$2.20; second-class, \$2.60.

Uriah Upstart—Gimme one up each, so's I kin travel over the hull darn cars. When I start out to spend money you bet I don't do things by halves.—Up-to-Date.

Two Lives Saved.

Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City Ill., was told by her doctors she had consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thos. Eggers, 139 Florida street, San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching consumption, tried without result everything else then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which these are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. At West's Drug Store.

John Prickett of Lewistown has been offered \$10,000 for Thompson's lake by Joliet parties for the purpose of making it a hunting and pleasure resort. This lake is the largest and best along the Illinois river bottom, being one mile wide and five miles in length in its normal stage.

A Beacon of Hope.

To those afflicted with Kidney or Bladder Diseases is Foley's Kidney Cure. Guaranteed. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

J. H. Cole and C. H. Vigal & Son, of New York City had a sale of Poland China hogs at Pawnee Wednesday. Thirty-seven hogs brought \$1259.

Constipation in its worst forms, dyspepsia, sick headache, biliousness and derangement of the liver are readily cured by Dr. Williams' Little Early Risers. Little pills never gripe. Small pills, safe pills, best pills. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Cornelius Sullivan one of the first settlers of Arcola died on the 31st. He was aged 70 years and was the father of seven children.

Minutes seem like hours when a life is at stake. Croup gives no time to send for a doctor; delay may mean death. One Minute Cough Cure gives instant relief and insures recovery. The only harmless remedy that produces immediate results. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

E. A. Staley, a well known restaurant man of Springfield has opened a hotel to be known as the Staley in the new Odd Fellows building.

A Life for 50c.

Many people have been cured of Kidney diseases by taking a 50c bottle of Foley's Kidney Cure. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Judge A. H. Magie and wife of Springfield celebrated their golden wedding in their home on South Lincoln avenue on Tuesday.

A Queer (?) Medicine.

There is a medicine whose proprietors do not claim to have discovered some hitherto unknown ingredient, or that it is a cure-all. This honest medicine only claims to cure certain diseases, and that its ingredients are recognized by the most skilled physicians as being the best for Kidney and Bladder Diseases. It is Foley's Kidney Cure. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

The township of Peoria finds itself at the beginning of the fiscal year with \$95,000 on hand and will not need to make any levy for township purposes this year.

Have You Had the Grip?

If you have, you probably need a reliable medicine like Foley's Hency and Tux to heal your lungs and stop the hacking cough incidental to this disease. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Central Illinois Ministerial association will be held at Atlanta April 27, 28 and 29.

Lost—A dear little child who made home happy by its smiles. And to think, it might have been saved had the parents only kept in the house One Minute Cough Cure, the infallible remedy for croup. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

The Hoopston Canning company has begun the planting of 300 acres of peas.

The bridge tender at Peoria counted 5831 people who went over to the bridge on Monday to look at the high water in the Illinois between 6 a. m. and 6 p. m.

Healthy men don't commit suicide. The man who takes his own life is the man whose nerves are on edge—whose brain is worn out with overwork and worry—whose bad digestion makes him morbid and melancholy. A man can commit suicide in more ways than one. He can let his sickness kill him. If he is losing flesh and vitality, he can let it go on till he dies—it won't be long.

Many men hesitate to take medicine. They forget that sickness merely shows the body's need for some material that is lacking in the food. The right medicine supplies the missing link in the chain of medical discovery is the right medicine in nine cases out of ten. It soothes the nerves and makes them strong and steady. It furnishes food for the brain. It helps to digest what is eaten and assists in the assimilation of nutriment. It perfectly purifies the blood and fills it with vitalizing properties. It is the one great and infallible medicine for men and women whose nerves are out of order, who are losing flesh, losing sleep, losing vigorous vitality. It brings big health and strength with marvelous rapidity. It has been sold for over thirty years, and has a record of many thousands of cures for every year a record unsurpassed by any other medicine in the world.

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After taking special courses to the greatest hospitals of New York, Philadelphia and Boston, and spending years in practice and research, Drs. Appleman & Prettyman have become the founders of a new, rational and painless treatment for

Women, etc. Dr. Appleman is especially successful in his treatment of DISEASES OF MEN. If there is anyone in this world who deserves sympathy and help it is the man who is plagued with a life of mental and physical misery as a result of the reckless transgression in later life of youth, or careless indiscretion in later life of associations through which he has acquired ailments which are steadily sapping his strength and perhaps his life. Dr. Appleman gives CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT: A kind that permanently cures, to suffering from Stricture, Varicocele, Spermatorrhea, Impotency, Syphilis, Seminal Weakness, etc. Dr. Prettyman makes a specialty of DISEASES OF WOMEN, Such as Bearing Down Pains, Leucorrhoea, Barrenness, Weak Back, Painful or Suppressed Menstruation, and all other ailments of a character promptly cured by Dr. Prettyman's new method. The embarrasing features of local treatment are done away with in the advanced system of doctoring. He treats all CHRONIC DISEASES, Eye and Ear Diseases, Chronic Catarrh, Nervous Diseases, Deafness, Alleged Consumption, and all manner of CHRONIC DISEASES, including Dyspepsia, Affections of the Heart, Liver and Kidneys, Hemorrhoids, Diseases of

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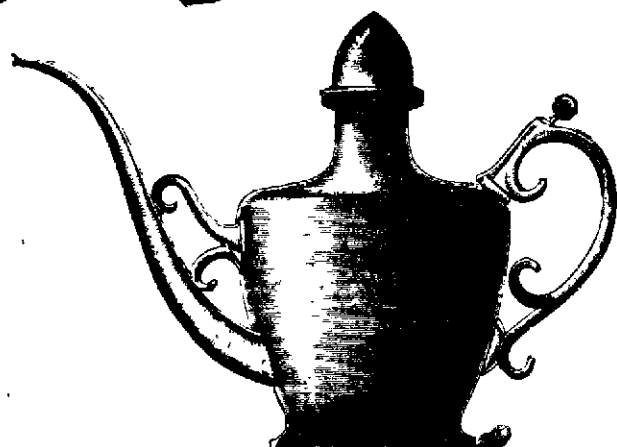
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On the second floor, where we have heretofore kept a portion of our reserve stock, we have fitted up a Bargain Department which is reached by a stairway from the main store. The goods will be displayed on

tables where each lot will be shown, with sizes and price prominently displayed.

The goods are New, of high grade, and are offered at Cut Price for one reason only—to clean up goods accumulated from each season. Stock will accumulate in an up-to-date store. There is only one thing, therefore, left to do with the goods, to move them with the power of price. The time for big profits has passed and the great problem is how to get a big volume of business. The reductions we have made are something startling.

These are a few of the prices which will show you that it will pay you to visit this department.

- NO. 1.**
Ladies' Dongola Shoes, Hand Welt Bottom, in Button and Lace, \$2.29, reduced from \$3.00.
- NO. 2.**
Ladies' Dongola Button Shoes, in square toe, welt sole, \$1.69, reduced from \$2.50.
- NO. 3.**
Ladies' Dongola Lace Shoes, machine sewed, Opera and Square Toes, \$1.44, reduced from \$2.00.
- NOS. 5 AND 6.**
Ladies' Dongola Oxfords, in Opera and square toe, 98c, reduced from \$1.50.

- NO. 29.**
Ladies' Vici Kid Lace Shoes, needle toe, machine sewed, sizes 2½ to 7, widths A to E, \$1.79, reduced from \$2.50.
- NO. 10.**
Child's Dongola Oxfords, Opera toe, Pat. tip, sizes 8½ to 11, at 69c, reduced from \$1.00.
- NO. 13.**
Misses' Tan Button Shoes, sizes 11½ to 2, at 98c, reduced from \$1.50.

There will be surprises for the buying public Saturday morning, when this New Department will be thrown open to the buying public.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

—Charles S. Carins went to Minneapolis today.

—Bob Maffit went to Niantic today to shoot ducks.

—Mrs. George S. Durfee is visiting in Springfield.

—Z. F. Baker of Sullivan is in the city visiting friends.

—Miss Adelaide Danely is visiting friends in Lincoln.

—Richard Benley and wife of Niantic were in the city today.

—Four children in the family of F. O. Riggs are ill of whooping cough.

—Fred Bonfield is home from Indianapolis where he has been visiting friends.

—John A. Reeves and Howard Hawthorn are home from Springfield to spend Sunday.

—A. Walt has gone to Europe on a trip. He will spend most of his time in London.

—Miss Anna Davis, who has been seriously ill of typhoid fever for some time past is improving.

—Wilber Starling returned home today from Panama where he has been visiting friends for the past week.

—Mrs. Fred O. Jones who has been seriously ill for the past several days is slightly improved today.

—Mrs. A. C. Race left today for Jacksonville where she will visit the family of Rev. R. G. Hobbs.

—Rev. C. F. Tobey of Georgetown was in the city yesterday visiting his brother, Dr. R. E. Tobey.

—Miss Ida Stevenson and Miss McChesney of Bloomington are in the city visiting Mrs. C. A. Ewing.

—Miss Carrie Birks, who has been spending her vacation with friends at Harristown has returned home.

—J. H. Leonard went to St. Louis yesterday and will go from that city to the south on a visit to relatives.

—Mrs. R. G. Hanks who has been visiting friends at Marshall, Ill. for the past two weeks, arrived home today.

—Rev. J. W. Crane went to Panama on the Diamond Special yesterday to insure a physician there in the Actua for \$10,000.

—Mrs. J. Ballman who has been in the city visiting the family of her son, W. E. Ballman, left yesterday for her home in Topeka, Kansas.

—G. W. Harner of 987 East Eldorado street has been a very sick man and is confined to his bed. He says he has never taken any medicine before for over forty years.

—Rev. C. F. McKown of Harristown on his way home from a wedding at Atlanta met Dr. Gillmore at the depot yesterday afternoon and generously divided a box of wedding cake with him.

The Catholic Mission.

The mission at St. Patrick's Catholic church will continue through next week. Tomorrow evening at 7.50 o'clock services will be conducted by Father Fanning and mass will be celebrated again at 9 o'clock. At 10:30 the men's mission will open and Father Finnegan will preach. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the women's mission which has been in progress during the past week will close. In the evenings during the week services will be held for the men. Father Sherman, who was expected to be here, is ill at Chicago and it is not likely that he will be able to attend.

The annual revival at the tabernacle is now one week old with ten additions to the church. Rev. Hall is doing the preaching and Professor Calvin is conducting the music. The meetings will be continued perhaps till May. Efforts are being made to secure the assistance of a prominent evangelist to assist the last two weeks.

Notice.

The young people of the German Methodist church will have their social which was postponed on account of stormy weather, next Tuesday evening at Mr. and Mrs. Matthes' residence, No. 654 West Decatur street.

Garden Seeds.

Just received a large stock of all kinds of D. M. Ferry & Co.'s fresh bulk garden seeds, at the Spencer & Lehman Co.'s—Jan 29-d&wt

My dinner is not complete without vegetables. You can have pea plant, asparagus, cucumbers, spinach, wax beans, lettuce, celery, cranberries, radishes by calling up 344. Pearl Oyster & Fish Co.

Seed Distribution.
New seed store, complete stock, fresh garden, field and flower seeds. Leon & Morris, 138 East Wood street.—9-d&wt

The Decatur pastor's association will hold their regular meeting next Monday at 10:30 a. m. in the First M. E. church.

J. M. Hughes & Co. at Durfee & Bros.' old stand have a choice stock of fresh garden and flower seeds. Give them a call. feb23-d&wt

MONEY TO LOAN.

Most of our real estate loans are made in multiples of \$500, but at present we can make the following loans at 6 per cent. interest: \$200, \$300, \$400, \$500, \$700, \$800, \$1,000, \$1,200, \$1,500. Security must be either choice farm lands or well improved city property with perfect titles. Call and see us.

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WILL NOT ACCEPT.

D. S. Shellabarger Declines to Make the Race for Mayor on the Reform Ticket.

The Republican is authorized to state that D. S. Shellabarger, nominated at the mass meeting held last night for mayor, will not be a candidate.

Speaking for his father, W. L. Shellabarger spoke this afternoon in substance as follows:

"Mr. Shellabarger will not be a candidate on any ticket. The committee has not called upon him yet to notify him of his nomination, but I know that he will not accept. He has said so in plain terms. He has good reasons for declining to run. First, he has his business interests in Decatur and at Salina, Kansas, which require his attention and second, he expects to be away from home part of the summer. It would be too great a sacrifice for him to assume the duties of the office of mayor if he should be elected. And then the movement was started too late to attain success. While I am a firm believer in non-partisan politics in city affairs, I told the gentlemen of the committee yesterday that it was too late to do any good to put up a ticket now. Other members of the committee agreed with me in that position but there were those on the committee who believed that a ticket should be nominated and they went ahead with the result already known."

Mr. Shellabarger was asked what would be done about putting up another candidate for mayor. He answered that he could not tell what would be done. The majority of the committee would act. He was not informed as to plans of the committee, but he thought it would be extremely difficult to get a strong man at this late hour to consent to become a candidate.

ROAD IS TO BE SOLD.

Bluff Line will Probably be Bid in by the Reorganization Committee.

The Bluff Line railroad is to be sold today and it is understood that the reorganization committee of the road will bid the property in. Judge Creighton has been settling up the affairs of the receivership and everything is in good shape for the transfer of the road. The following story printed in the Indianapolis Journal has not been confirmed by the appearance of any of the C. H. & D. people in the city to bid at the sale:

"It is whispered in railway circles that in all probability the C. H. & D. railway company will soon have a line of its own from Cincinnati to St. Louis. It already owns the Indiana, Decatur & Springfield road, reaching from Indianapolis to Decatur, Ill. What is known as the Bluff road running from Springfield to St. Louis, is for sale, and it is now said that President Woodford contemplates its purchase and connecting the same with the I. D. & S. by building a line from Decatur to Springfield, forty miles in length. This would make the C. H. & D. entirely independent of the Clover Leaf, besides being in itself a very valuable western outlet.—Springfield Ex.

Busted.

More than 150 fire insurance companies discontinued business during 1896. A few reformed but most of them are utterly bankrupt and their policies are worth no more than so much waste paper. We are convinced many such policies are held in this city and the holders are ignorant that the policies are absolutely worthless. We have just received the latest report of Mr. Durfee, the Insurance Superintendent of Illinois, showing the straddling of all the companies authorized to do business in this state, and we believe it advisable for every policy holder of any company to bring same to our office and learn the standing of the company issuing the same. We will gladly furnish the information without charge. Please note that all companies represented by us are reported in excellent condition—we never represent any others.

No. 124 North Water street.
8-11w Kuny, Johns & Strohm.

The Leotta rentals will be a fine combination of the trinity, literature, music and art. Miss Chabonneau, the solo harpist who will appear in these recitals, is said to be one of the most brilliant soloists on this instrument now traveling.

Amongst the numbers which she will play here will be "Au Bord de la Mer," by Pariah Alvers and the beautiful sextette from Lucia de Lammermoor—"Chi Mi Frena." Aside from the rest of the excellent program which is to be furnished by those artists it will be a rare treat to hear these numbers so beautifully rendered on the harp. Tickets 35c at Curtis Bros.

Elijah Bundy, who has for years been engaged in the saw mill business southwest of the city has completed a lease for a piece of ground near the P. D. & E. right of way in the northeast part of the city and will move his mill to that point.

The site is the same as occupied by Smith Bros., whose mill was destroyed by fire some months ago. It is Mr. Bundy's intention to have a larger mill than the one which was destroyed. He will employ about twelve men.

Mr. Warde To-Night.
Mr. Frederick Warde and company will appear at the Grand tonight in Damon and Pythias, supported by a strong company. There will be a splendid show of special scenery.

J. Q. A. Odor wishes his friends to know that he needs all the assistance they can render him on Tuesday next by their votes and kind words. 11c

Blue point and Rockaway shell oysters all May 1st. Pearl Oyster & Fish Co.—2-d&wt

ENDEAVOR NEWS.

The new executive committee of the County Christian Endeavor Union will meet in the Presbyterian church tomorrow afternoon at 3.45 o'clock. All the officers of the Union with all the presidents of the various societies throughout the county are urged to be present as business of importance to the Union will be discussed. Committees will be named and plans laid for the county work.

It has been suggested and several requests made that we have a junior superintendent to assist in organizing new junior societies and strengthen and build up those already organized. This appointment will be made Sunday afternoon at the executive committee meeting.

At the county convention last week Secretary Schminck announced that the Macon county union would present a handsome banner to the society which had the largest percentage of their membership present at the union meeting held this year. The different divisions of the Chicago union have adopted this plan and find it a very good one. Last week the Hyde Park division held a convention and the West Pullman christian society captured the banner with 89 per cent present.

The county union officers will strive to make all the union meetings helpful and interesting and they hope every society in the county will muster out as many of their members as possible and see who can bring the largest per cent and carry of the Macon County Christian Endeavor Banner for the first time.

The official organ of the Illinois C. E. Union this year is The Weekly Endeavor News. This Endeavor paper will be published until after the Chicago convention for 25 cents.

Last week's issue records a new Endeavor society in the Methodist church of West Springfield. It has joined the Springfield union and gives promise of being a live and aggressive Endeavor force in the capital city.

Mention is also made of the Methodist society at Chicago lawn, which numbers 63 active and 16 associate members with a junior society of 47 enthusiastic younger people.

A Christian Endeavor society has recently been organized in this county. The Oak Grove society has elected the following officers for the ensuing six months: President, Mrs. M. Harding, vice president, Miss Amy Vermillion, secretary, Miss Daisy Provost, treasurer, Mr. D. Good; organist, Miss Ora Bridges. This society has just received five new active members and one associate member.

Last Sunday evening the Presbyterian society held a novel but helpful meeting. The chairs were arranged in the form of the Christian Endeavor monogram C. E. The meeting was in charge of the prayer meeting committee who occupied the inner circle.

Last Monday evening the First M. E. society heard Dr. Gillmore on the Discipline of the early Methodist church.

The C. P. society enjoyed a delightful social time at the home of Dr. Longmire on West Decatur street last night. It was called a military social. The gentlemen trimmed the hats and the ladies wore the hat and accompanied the one who produced it to refreshments—which consisted of ice cream and cake.

The Church of God society spent a very pleasant evening at the home of Mr. J. W. Fritz last Thursday evening.

On Sunday evening, April 11, the Presbyterian society will be presided over by Mrs. P. C. Cooper, wife of Rev. Cooper of the A. M. E. church.

The subject will be "The Brotherhood of Man," 1 John 3:14.

Everyone is invited to this service.

The county Christian Endeavor Union is invited to unite with the Baptist Endeavorers in an early Easter morning prayer meeting April 15.

The C. P. society has elected the following officers: President, Clara Vaughn, vice president, Forest Fife, secretary, Marie Fridley, treasurer, Stephen Dillinger; organist, Nettie Hinsdale; chorister, Carrie Henry.

The Baptist society has postponed its stallions of officers for one week on account of the Y. M. C. A. entertainment which is to be held in their church next Monday evening.

The epidemic of measles in the city is still raging. There are more cases reported every day. Most of the cases are mild. The disease is worse in the west and south part of the city. In the northeast part very few cases have broken out.



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SINGULAR WRECK.

A Fort Wayne Freight Train Falls Through a Pittsburg Trestle.

Foreman and Engineer Killed and the Train Demolished—The Phillips House in Dayton, O., on Fire.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 5.—The span north, approaching the Ohio connecting railroad bridge, collapsed this morning under a Fort Wayne freight train. Thirteen cars were precipitated fifty feet into McClure avenue. Fireman William Egan was killed and Engineer William Graham was fatally injured. The engine and all the cars were demolished.

Dayton Hotel on Fire.

Dayton, Ohio, April 5.—The Phillips house, the largest hotel here, is in flames. Some persons have been fatally injured.

CUT HIS THROAT.

Sensational Suicide of an Iowa Doctor in a Chicago Jail.

Chicago, April 5.—Dr. J. H. Walton of Dubuque, Ia., committed suicide yesterday afternoon in Lincoln Park by cutting his throat. The deed was done in view of a large number of pleasure seekers and while the doctor was leisurely walking through the park with Dr. S. S. Lindsay, also of Dubuque.

Both men came here yesterday and were guests at the Palmer house. Dr. Walton had recently suffered from an attack of typhoid fever and came here to consult a specialist. Sunday morning he appeared to be despondent when they called at the office of the specialist, who lives near the park. He was not at home and while waiting the two men took a walk in the park. As they neared the Grant monument one of the most frequented places in the park, Dr. Walton suddenly ran ahead of his companion as if determined to draw a razor from his pocket and sever his windpipe. He fell to the roadway and when Dr. Lindsay reached him he was dying. The act was so sudden there was no opportunity to prevent it.

Dr. Lindsay says Walton was undoubtedly affected by temporary insanity. His medical education was acquired at the University of Michigan and Jefferson college, Philadelphia, supplemented by a course in Europe. He was 30 years old and unmarried.

BANK ASSIGNS.

The Globe Savings Bank of Chicago Unable to Run Longer Assigns.

Chicago, April 5.—The Globe Savings bank assigned this morning. The last statement, February 23, showed deposits, \$124,000, savings, \$31,000. The bank had a capital of \$200,000. This bank had no connection with the Globe National bank.

Naval Officer's Serious Accident.
Washington, April 5.—Captain W. F. Day of the United States navy, now stationed in Washington as a member of the naval examining board, met with an accident Saturday night that may prove fatal. He is now lying in a room at the Hotel Varnum in a serious condition. His injuries consist of a broken hip bone, and a fractured ankle joint, besides a number of bruises and, it is thought, internal injuries.

He started to go up to his room on the third floor last night at the Varnum and when he was midway between the second and third floors he made a misstep and lost his balance. He struck his back on the banister and in attempting to regain his balance he went over the railing. The stairs are winding, leaving an open space from the basement to the top. Mr. Day went down through the open space, striking on his hip on the brick floor at the bottom. The crash was heard in the office. A gentleman named Little and the bell boy rushed to where the captain was lying to all appearances dead.

Kentucky Senatorial Fight.
Frankfort, Ky., April 5.—Six Republicans who are will voting for Hunter for United States senator have pledged themselves never to permit his election. They held a secret meeting several days ago and joined hands on the agreement that if Hunter ever got the two votes needed they would then change their own votes and prevent his election. The six members decided, that while they would prevent Hunter's election if the crisis came, it would be better for them not to break ranks with the "regulars" as they could not better for the nomination of another candidate while in the party lines.

Each day is darker for Hunter than the